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~~TELOMERIZED MAMMALIAN CELLS~~

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 83 as follows:

83. *(Amended)* A mammalian cell that contains a recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a telomerase reverse transcriptase protein, variant, or fragment having telomerase catalytic activity when complexed with a telomerase RNA, wherein said recombinant polynucleotide hybridizes under stringent conditions to a polynucleotide having a sequence complementary to SEQ ID NO:1.

A version of all pending claims showing the changes made is attached to the back of this Amendment.

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001 (Paper No. 21), which has been made final.

Claims 83-90 were pending in the application and under examination, and stand rejected. Upon entry of this paper into the file, claim 83 is amended, and claims 83-90 remain under examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims

SEQ ID NO:224 was previously recited in claims 83-90 as encoding a protein having telomerase catalytic activity. By way of this amendment, SEQ ID NO:224 is substituted with SEQ ID NO:1, without prejudice. Accordingly, applicants retain rights to equivalents of SEQ ID NO:224 with other functions or in other contexts, as may be presented in this or any related application.